

THE W. AND W. RAILROAD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCK-HOLDERS YESTERDAY.

The Officials Re-elected.—The Wilmington and New Bern Railroad becomes a part of the Wilmington and Weldon Road. Large attendance in the history of the Road—Other stockholders meetings.

In conformity with the published notice, the sixty-second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company was held yesterday at 12 M. in the general office of the company in this city.

On motion, Junius Davis, Esq., of this city, was made chairman and Mr. Jas. F. Post, Jr., was requested to act as secretary.

On motion, Messrs. Wm. Calder and James F. Post, Jr., were appointed a committee to verify credentials, and report the number of shares represented in person and by proxy. They reported that out of 20,000 shares there were represented in the meeting in person and by proxy 20,301 shares.

On motion, the report of the committee was received and adopted, whereupon the chairman announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly organized for business.

The secretary then read the minutes of the sixty-first annual meeting held in this city last November, and upon motion, the same were approved.

President W. G. Elliott and Vice President H. Walters submitted their annual reports in printed form, along with the report of General Manager John R. Kenly, who is absent from the city. On motion, the reports were received as the report of the president and board of directors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

President Elliott says in his report:

"In submitting the sixty-second annual report the president and directors respectfully report that the affairs of your company have been successfully managed during the past fiscal year, that your property has been kept in first-class condition and many valuable additions and improvements have been made, which have in accordance with the usual policy been charged to operating expenses, and that the net revenue shows a small increase over the preceding year. This result is largely due to the care shown in the administration of the company's affairs by the exercise of a strict economy and by avoiding all unnecessary or extravagant expenditures, and largely to the fact that every effort has been made to give the best service to our patrons.

"The net revenues have been sufficient to pay all the fixed charges and the dividends that have already been distributed. The mortgage bonds which matured on May 1, 1897, amounting to \$335,000, have all been paid, with the exception of one bond which has not been presented for payment. These were retired with the proceeds of the sale of the general mortgage bonds that had been reserved for that purpose.

"The company has not been involved in any serious or important litigation since our last report and there are no suits or actions of any unusual importance now pending against it.

"The railroad extending from Wilmington to New Bern, formerly known as the Wilmington, New Bern and Norfolk railroad, was sold in foreclosure proceedings in July last and purchased by a new company under the name of the Wilmington and New Bern Railroad Company. It has been proposed to this company by those in control of that company that it shall be consolidated with the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company. Under the law this is a matter requiring the consent of the stockholders of the company. The matter will be brought to your attention at this meeting and the president and directors are of the opinion that if the terms submitted are satisfactory it would be advisable that the consolidation be agreed to."

The assets of the company, as shown by the report, are placed at \$11,475,055.58, of which \$10,802,242.32 is put down to construction and equipment of 620.85 miles of railway, and \$672,813.26 to current assets.

The receipts during the past fiscal year ending June 30th, were as follows:

Current expenses from last year	\$ 289,561.44
FROM OPERATING THE ROAD.	
Freight	\$1,235,289.60
Passengers	424,772.89
Express	55,201.13
Excess baggage	4,609.15
Telegraph	4,915.13
Miscellaneous	23,306.22
	\$1,854,065.71

INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES.	
Interest balances, rents, etc.	\$2,886.37
Profit from operating hotels.	2,147.35
Sale of 938 general 1st mortgage 4 per cent. bonds	938,000.00
	\$3,136,600.87

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The vice president in his report says: "The fiscal year just closed has been a prosperous one for your company. Along its line the cotton crop was above the average and the price realized from it by the farmers was most satisfactory. The small fruit and vegetable crop, excepting potatoes, was large and profitable to the producers, and your company enjoyed a large movement of freight in consequence. The good price of cotton induced farmers to increase their acreage in that staple and to purchase very freely of fertilizers. As a result there was a larger movement over your line than ever recorded.

"In the passenger business the through passenger receipts fell off on account of active water and rail competition. The local passenger travel, owing to the prosperity of the country, showed a considerable increase. For the first quarter of the new fiscal year the reports have been good, but reports from agents and merchants are very discouraging. The extremely low price of cotton has discouraged the farmers and merchants, and you may expect a great falling off in revenue from December to March."

"All of your passenger cars are equipped with air brakes and automatic couplers, and practically all of your freight cars are equipped with automatic couplers and 62 per cent. with air brakes. This was rendered necessary by an act of congress, which requires that all cars shall be so equipped by January 1, 1898, leaving it, however, with the Inter State Commerce Commission to extend this time if necessary."

The report of the general manager shows that during the year there were built in the Wilmington shops 4 passenger cars, 196 freight cars and 76 logging cars.

The reading of the reports of the treasurer and the general auditor was dispensed with, as they were submitted to the meeting in printed form.

President Elliott offered a resolution authorizing the consolidation of the Wilmington and New Bern Railroad Company with the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company. The resolution was adopted and the president of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company was authorized to carry out the terms as set forth in the resolution. The consolidation will be affected about December 1st.

It was then announced that the election of a president and a board of ten directors was in order. In this connection President Elliott stated that the venerable Dr. A. J. DeRosset had served fifty-five years continuously as a director of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company and that it was probable that he was the oldest living director of any railroad corporation in this country.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a president and ten directors. On motion, the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the meeting for Warren G. Elliott as president, and the following as directors: Dr. A. J. DeRosset and J. W. Norwood, of Wilmington; E. B. Borden, of Goldsboro; W. H. Willard, of Raleigh; Hon George Howard, of Tarboro; H. B. Plant, of New York; B. F. Newcomer, H. Walters, Michael Jenkins and J. P. McKay, of Baltimore.

A resolution was adopted setting the first Wednesday after the third Monday of November, 1898, as the time for the sixty-third annual meeting of the stockholders.

The stockholders then adjourned, and subsequently the board of directors met and elected the following officers:

Vice President—H. Walters.
Secretary and Treasurer—James F. Post, Jr.
General Manager—John R. Kenly.
Traffic Manager—T. M. Emerson.
General Superintendent—John F. Divine.

General Auditor—W. A. Riach.
After transacting routine business, the directors adjourned.

THE W. & C. A. RAILROAD.

At 1 p. m. the stockholders of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company met.

On motion, J. T. Barron, Esq., of Columbia, S. C., was made chairman, and Mr. James F. Post, Jr., was requested to act as secretary.

Mr. B. F. Newcomer, of Baltimore, was appointed to verify proxies and reported that 5,144 shares of stock out of 9,000 shares, were represented in person and by proxy.

After routine business, the following board of ten directors was elected: B. F. Newcomer, H. Walters, Michael Jenkins and Waldo Newcomer, of Baltimore; W. G. Elliott, of Wilmington; H. B. Short, of Lake Waccamaw; H. B. Plant, of New York; J. T. Barron, of Columbia, S. C.; Thomas Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, S. C.; and C. S. Gadsden, of Charleston.

President Elliott and Vice president Walters submitted their annual reports and the same were received and adopted as the report of the president and directors.

The following were the receipts from operating the road for the fiscal year ending June 30th:

Freight	\$511,394.35
Passengers	135,016.80
Express	5,762.62
Mail	32,206.88
Excess baggage	2,624.31
Telegraph	2,003.66
Miscellaneous	5,249.95
	\$697,257.97

After the stockholders adjourned the board of directors met and elected the following officers:

President—Warren G. Elliott.
Vice President—H. Walters.
Secretary and Treasurer—James F. Post, Jr.

After transacting routine business the directors adjourned.

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and New Bern Railroad Company held their first annual meeting at 1:30 p. m. The number of shares represented in person and by proxy was 490 out of 500 shares.

On motion, Mr. W. Walters was called to the chair, and Mr. James F. Post, Jr., was requested to act as secretary.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the sale of the Wilmington and New Bern railroad to and its consolidation with the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company, the latter company agreeing to assume all the liabilities of the Wilmington and New Bern Railroad Company. The consolidation will take effect about the 1st of December.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a president and board of directors, with the following result:

President—J. W. Norwood.
Directors—B. F. Newcomer, H. Walters, W. A. Riach, John F. Divine, Jno. R. Kenly, J. W. Norwood and C. E. Foy.

The stockholders then adjourned sine die.

OTHER MEETINGS.

The president and directors of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company left yesterday afternoon on a special train for Florence, S. C., in which city will be held today the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Manchester and Augusta Railroad Company and the Wilson and Summerton Railroad Company.

From Florence they will go to Charleston to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders and board of directors of the North Eastern South Carolina Railway Company and of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company, which are to be held tomorrow morning.

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The Paid Fire Department

At their meeting on Tuesday afternoon the board of audit and finance received a communication from the board of aldermen asking the concurrence of the former board in the action of the board of aldermen in establishing a paid fire department, to take the place of the volunteer department.

After discussing the matter, the board of audit and finance adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that a paid fire department is desirable in place of the volunteer department; provided, that its cost shall not exceed \$20,000 per annum for the present fiscal year, as the tax rate was reduced to 1 1/2 per cent. not anticipating any increase of expenditure in this department; and provided, also, that the proposed paid fire department shall be efficient and such as shall be approved by the local board of underwriters; provided, also, that the local board of underwriters shall agree that the rates of insurance will be decreased at least 15 cents per \$100 on the business district in case a paid department as above is established.

Resolved, also, That the firemen shall be appointed solely on account of their fitness for service.

In view of the establishment of the paid fire department, Mayor S. P. Wright recently wrote to Atlanta to obtain the services of Captain W. R. Joyner, the famous chief of the splendid paid department of that city, in the inauguration of the paid department here. Captain Joyner has been in New York for several days but he came on here last evening from that city and is stopping at the Orton. He had a conference last night with Mayor Wright and Captain Charles Schnibbin, chief of Wilmington's paid department, and today he will inspect the fire apparatus and give the authorities here the benefit of his experience and training by making known the requirements necessary to make the department a first class one.

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The Sealing Conference Not a Failure

Washington, November 17.—The officers of the state department were very much surprised at the reports of the total failure of the Canadian negotiations which appeared today in several morning newspapers. One of them today said: "That view is not taken by the government in Washington. The representatives of the Canadian government who have just left the city did not come to Washington with any expectation of concluding any arrangement or treaty during their brief stay. They entertained views upon the question of the sealing regulations and hoped to acquire accurate information as to the views of our government upon the remaining questions which their preceding government in Canada had failed to adjust. The only fact correctly stated in the publications referred to is that under the favorable influences prevailing the experts agreed upon a report. This report will furnish a good basis for further action. It goes without saying that Canada is not disposed to make a concession upon seals without some consideration to Canada. What such reciprocal concession should be is a question not yet disposed of, but continuing under consideration."

THE TRUCKERS

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Fruit Growers and Truckers' Association Yesterday—Its Affairs in Good Shape—All Non-Paying Members to be Dropt.

The East Carolina Fruit Growers and Truckers' Association held its semi-annual meeting in this city yesterday afternoon. The association met in the court house at 2:50 o'clock p. m., with the following officers in attendance: Mr. W. L. Hill, of Warsaw, president; Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Mt. Olive, vice-president and chairman of the board of directors; Mr. D. H. Harly, of Chadbourn, secretary; Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, chairman executive committee; Mr. C. M. Steinmetz, of Rose Hill, secretary of the executive committee, and Mr. J. Henry Moore, of Burgaw, secretary of the board of directors. Delegates were in attendance from the local associations at Mt. Olive, Faison, Warsaw, Rose Hill, Teachey's, Wallace, Rock Point, Clinton and New Hanover county.

After the convention had been called to order, and credentials had been called for and presented, the minutes of the annual meeting held in Wilmington last June were read and approved.

Reports of standing committees were then called for, and by request of Mr. J. A. Brown, chairman of the executive committee, Mr. C. M. Steinmetz, the secretary, made a report concerning the finances of the association. Chairman Brown then supplemented it with a verbal report for the committee. He stated that the committee had made considerable efforts to get the local associations to pay up their dues to the general association so as to liquidate its indebtedness. The efforts of the committee had been such that this matter had been practically arranged. He also reported that the committee had taken such steps as was believed would consummate a plan to reduce the cost of marketing the crops of the members, and at the same time raise sufficient revenues to carry on the work of the association. The committee even hoped to accomplish more, but it was deemed inexpedient to make the negotiations public. He recommended in behalf of the committee that every member of the associations who do not pay up their indebtedness be expelled, even if it left only fifty members to constitute the association. He went on to say that if the plans of the committee work, there will be no more dues to be paid in the future, and that the committee was satisfied with the progress it had made and was encouraged to keep on with the work undertaken by this association.

On motion, the report was accepted. Mr. G. Z. French, in discussing the recommendation of the committee, said only paying members should share in the benefits of the association, and proved that full power be given the committee to treat with the railroad as to all matters of transportation, or with firms at the north as to the matter of commissions.

Dr. E. Porter seconded the motion by Mr. French and it was adopted. Mr. Steinmetz, secretary of the executive committee, supplemented his report with a statement that some of the local associations had asked that the Atlantic Coast Line be prevailed upon to extend their sheds along the line for the shipment of berries and truck; that Mr. J. A. Westbrook had been appointed a committee to confer with the railroads about the matter and that the railroad authorities had agreed to make the extensions asked for.

Mr. J. A. Westbrook also reported that the railroad people had been seen by him and that the request of Wallace and Teachey's for larger sheds would be complied with.

Mr. J. A. Brown said it was gratifying to state that the committee on propositions and grievances had not been called upon during the whole year to consider any grievances. He asked what steps the local associations would take as to members of local associations who have not paid their dues, and if they would be allowed to remain in the association and secure its benefits for nothing. He moved that it be the sense of this association that if all local associations do not reduce their membership to the actual paid up members, such associations shall not be recognized by the general association.

Dr. Porter suggested that this matter be left to the local associations to be dealt with.

Mr. G. Z. French moved as a substitute for Mr. Brown's motion that the associations in arrears that if their nonpaying members do not pay up their dues by January 1st, such local associations will be dropped from the rolls of the general association.

After this matter had been discussed by Messrs. J. S. Westbrook, A. H. Paddison and H. J. Faison, Mr. J. A. Brown moved as a substitute for his and Mr. French's motions that the secretary be instructed to notify local associations that they are requested to reduce their membership to actual paid up members, and that all who do not pay up their annual dues and package taxes, will be dropped from the roll and be deprived of all the benefits of the association. The motion was adopted.

The secretary was requested to state what local associations had paid their dues in full to the general association, and he replied: Chadbourn, Teachey's, Rocky Point, Warsaw, Rock Hill and Faison. He said those which had not paid up in full were Wallace, Mt. Olive, Goldsboro, Magnolia and Burgaw. New Hanover and Clinton here made no report, but they are paid close up.

Secretary Harnly had to leave for home, and Mr. J. Henry Moore was requested to act as secretary in his stead and he served in that capacity till the association adjourned.

The question was raised by Mt. Olive that the secretary be instructed, in fact, paid one-third of the package tax, which amounted to something over \$600, and it was complained that this tax was out of proportion to the membership of the association. After discussion, Dr. Porter moved that the matter be referred to the executive committee to look into the complaint of Mt. Olive and readjust and equalize the assessments. The motion was adopted.

The association then adjourned.

Ex-Minister Hannis Taylor has laid bare the inside of Spain's attitude on the Cuban question, and his exposure will have considerable influence on our government.—Louisville Dispatch.

AFFAIRS IN CUBA

Unpopularity of the New Secretary General.—To Make War on Minister De Lome. Excitement Over Landing of Another filibustering Expedition.

Havana, via Key West, Fla., November 17.—The secretary general of Cuba, Dr. Jose Gongosto, formerly Spanish consul at Philadelphia, continues to make himself unpopular. He has had a dispute with a prominent conservative, Senor Francisco de Las Santos Guzman, a former president of the congress, and he also has had a misunderstanding with Senor Guetre, a prominent autonomist, with the result, it is understood, that letters have been written to Madrid calling attention to the alleged eccentricities of the secretary general and also dwelling upon his previous policy sentiments. In fact, the dispute between Dr. Gongosto and Senor Guzman became so heated that it nearly ended in a most disagreeable manner, and their conversation becoming generally known has been much commented upon, and has had a very unfavorable effect among the Spanish residents.

It is believed here that there will be great excitement in Spain so soon as the United States congress meets. Letters found upon captured insurgents and received from Spain recently indicate that the insurgents were recently advised to keep up the struggle for three months longer, pointing out that the first act of the Sagasta government would be the removal of General Weyler and adding that war would be made on the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Dupey de Lome. It is charged that Senor Dupey de Lome and Dr. Gongosto are to blame for the spread in the United States of the sentiment in favor of autonomy and it is alleged that they have induced American newspapers to advocate this policy.

There is much excitement here at present over the news of the landing of another filibustering expedition by the Dauntless and the hard feelings against Americans have consequently been increased in bitterness.

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Weldon News Items

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)
Weldon, N. C., November 17.

Mr. Thomas L. Boyd, a grandson of the great pulpit orator, Rev. Thomas G. Lowe, died here last night of pneumonia, aged 27 years. He was a most promising young man and was raised near Aurelian springs. About two years ago he accepted a position with the Atlantic Coast Line at this place. His work was on the yard at night and he contracted a deep cold. This went into pneumonia. It is said he was to have been married the 15th of this month to a most excellent young lady.

The funeral of the late W. H. Capell took place today at Grace Episcopal church.

The woman's parsonage and home mission society of North Carolina met in regular session here last night. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dye, the president, and Mrs. H. R. Anderson, of New Bern was elected secretary. Mrs. Ida Wilkins, of this town, delivered a splendid address of welcome to which Mrs. Dr. Swindell responded most happily. Other delegates arrived today.

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Contest Over Demonstration in Honor of Weyler

Corunna, November 14.—There is a violent campaign here for and against a popular demonstration in honor of General Weyler, the former captain general of Cuba, who arrives here from Havana. The moderate republicans and carlists are in favor of a demonstration and doing everything possible to organize a reception for the general. On the other hand, the republicans, liberals and socialists are organizing a counter demonstration. The general public is indifferent. General Weyler's son was serenaded today on his arrival from Cuba.

The vote of the "national" (save the mark) democracy in the recent elections show that it is not even provincial. No wonder Henry Waterson has dropped out.—Atlanta Constitution.

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A Murderer Extradited

Philadelphia, November 16.—Archie E. Lockley, the negro who was arrested her a few weeks ago charged with the murder of Mrs. Allen Chapman, her son Charles and George Lee, at Little Plymouth, Va., the killing of whom the prisoner admits, was today turned over to Sheriff Eubank, of King and Queen county, Va. Sheriff Eubank was accompanied by his deputy, and with the prisoner handcuffed, they started at once by train for Baltimore, where they will take a boat for James City. Lockley in admitting his crime said the killing was done in self-defense, he having been murderously attacked by the three persons.

More Contract Immigrants Arrested

Washington, November 17.—Commissioner General Powderly, of the Immigration bureau, today received a telegram from Inspector Baldwin in Mississippi, stating that he had secured the arrest of nineteen others of the party of the Austrian state cutters, making forty-seven in all. Inspector Baldwin was instructed to bring the forty-seven immediately to Baltimore, for deportation to Austria and have a deputy find the two still missing.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Return Thanks

Princeton, N. J., November 17.—Ex-President Cleveland said today to a representative of the Associated Press: "The number and heartiness of the congratulations we have received on the birth of our son are so gratefully appreciated that I wish you would convey through the Associated Press our thanks to all the kind people who have thus given proof of their friendliness."

Autonomy will mean little for ex-haunted Cuba with a war debt of \$450,000,000 around its neck.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

STATEMENTS OF THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE SEMI-WEEKLY MESSENGER WERE RECENTLY MAILED, AND WHILE A GREAT MANY HAVE RESPONDED, THERE ARE MANY YET IN ARREARS AND WE TRUST THIS REMINDER WILL CAUSE ALL WHO HAVE NEGLECTED THEIR ACCOUNT WITH US TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION. THE DATE ON THE LABEL OF EACH PAPER SHOWS THE TIME TO WHICH THE SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID, AND THE ACCOUNT CAN BE EASILY DETERMINED WITHOUT WAITING FOR A STATEMENT FROM US. A THOROUGH REVISION OF THE LIST WILL BE MADE AT AN EARLY DATE AND ALL DELINQUENTS WILL BE PLACED ON OUR "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE."

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